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SUBJECT: US-IRAN SOCIAL SECURITY AGREEMENT

REF: TEHRAN 6656

1. DEPARTMENT AND SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION ARE ENCOURAGED BY GOI INTEREST IN MOVING AHEAD WITH BILATERAL SOCIAL SECURITY AGREEMENT. PER PARA FOUR REFTEL, WE BELIEVE THAT DRAFTING OF GENERAL STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES, RATHER THAN ACTUAL FIRST DRAFT OF AGREEMENT, WOULD BE PREFERABLE COURSE OF ACTION AT THIS TIME.

2. SSA PREFERS TO HAVE MAIN POINTS OF STATEMENT MODELED ALONG LINES OF US-WEST GERMAN AGREEMENT, RECOGNIZING THAT GERMAN AGREEMENT IS COMPLEX AND NEED NOT BE FOLLOWED IN EVERY DETAIL IN IRANIAN SITUATION. FYI - ANY BILATERAL AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN US AND IRAN MUST CONFORM TO GENERAL GUIDELINES CONTAINED IN RECENT SOCIAL SECURITY ACT.
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THIS WOULD NOT BE THE CASE IF IRAN UNILATERALLY TOOK STEPS TO AMEND ITS BASIC LAW THROUGH PARLIAMENTARY ACTION. END FYI

3. KEY CONCEPTS SSA IS INTERESTED IN HAVING IN STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES INCLUDE RECIPROCAL DUAL COVERAGE (THE SINE QUA NON OF ANY AGREEMENT), PROVISIONS FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, AND METHOD FOR CERTIFYING COVERAGE SO THAT ANY

NECESSARY EXEMPTIONS CAN BE ARRANGED. PRINCIPLE OF TOTALIZATION, WHICH MAY NOT BE USEFUL DURING EARLY STAGES, SHOULD BE INCLUDED WITH SOME PROVISION FOR FUTURE STARTING DATE.

4. SUBJECT TO GOI VIEWS, SSA TEAM OF EXPERTS COULD BE PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE IRAN VISIT SOMETIME IN EARLY FALL.
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